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## Tommy Haggas gray areas

### A Shot of Southern Comfort

When my friends and I planned a trip to Alabama for Spring Break, I was reluctant. After all, isn't Alabama where they marry their cousins, mow the front lawn around kitchen appliances, and use curtains in their pickup trucks? Only after I saw the forecast for upper 60's, was I ready to pack my bags. And I had fun.

In fact, after Spring Break, I have a new concept of the word *fun*. The inside jokes and memories we made will last a lifetime.

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We stayed thirty minutes from the beach, a half hour from Pensacola, Florida, and three hours from New Orleans.

We spent several days at the beach. The ocean was warm and the sun was bright. I flew a kite for the first time, chipped golf

balls into the ocean, and helped make a huge dragon out of sand.

Our day in the Big Easy was quite an adventure. Music was on every street corner. The most colorful people with the most colorful language and drinking the most colorful cocktails stumbled through the French Quarter. I tried gumbo, grits, and beignets.



In Alabama, we went shopping and ate so much we hurt. We went to a restaurant where the waiters throw rolls at you. (I recommend Lambert's for anyone stopping in the area.)

Up until last week, I had had the good fortune of vacationing in South Dakota, Orlando, and Aspen, Colorado, over the past twenty years. Yet none of them were as much fun as Alabama.

In a whole week in the South, I didn't see a single wedded cousin, Maytag lawn ornament, or Martha Stewart pickup. I promise to keep my Southern jokes to a minimum, and if any one asks for suggestions for Spring Break next year, I'll just point them south.

## St Patrick's Day is on the way

St. Patrick's Day is coming up on March 17. Is this just another day, or does it mean anything to you?



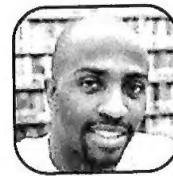
Jorge Osorio

"St. Patrick's Day represents the Irish and the green colors."



Beth McGrath

St. Patrick's Day means eating, sleeping, wearing and drinking green all day and night."



Ardell Sanders

"St. Patrick's Day is a day where we completely forget about race and celebrate Irish culture. Even though I'm black, on St. Patrick's Day I'll be looking for my Irish kisses."



Angela Adrian

"St. Patrick's Day is a day where cute little leprechauns run around in their cute little green bikini underwear! It's a very sexy day!"



Jose de Jesus

"It's a special day to go to church."



Shawna Donovan

St. Patrick's Day means everything to me, because I'm Irish! It's a celebration of my Irish culture and what other time do people get to drink green beer!"

--Brian Steuer

From right: Resident Assistant Kenyon Duner, Assistant Director of Residence Life Tamara Lanz, and Resident Assistant Carla Stephany serve Hawaiian style at the recent Late Night Breakfast.



photo by Jake Tomko

### Women's Conference:

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and The Women's Center Mentorship Program.

The conference is being sponsored by Clarke's Student Life, Mary Benedict Hall Council, the Clarke Student Association, and Multicultural Student Services. Tamara Lanz, assistant director of residence life, and Stacey Hamlin organized the conference.

There is no registration fee for Clarke students; however, lunch will be deducted from meal plans, so be sure to sign up in the cafeteria. Non-Clarke students and non-college students pay a registration fee of \$4 and \$6 respectively.

All participants receive a commemorative T-shirt. To register, or for more information, call Stacey Hamlin at ext. 6640 or Tamara Lanz at 6622.

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TALL TALES  
Being tall h

By CHRIS CLAPHAM  
Staff Reporter

My name is Chris and I'm 6'9" tall. No matter where you live, you've seen me before. Generally, I like being tall. I like being able to duck under almost every doorway at Clarke (or everywhere else for that matter). I need to look down on the world. Buying clothes is not fun, either. It is like a nightmare that doesn't fit right. I used to be that I had to settle for what almost fit. Big and tall stores don't make it; they are mostly big and not tall. I found ONE place in Rochester Big and Tall. I love it there.

When I went to buy a car, I had to try them on. I would say things like, "This is nice but do you have it in an extra large?" Small cars are like roller skates for me. If I'm in someone else's car and the passenger side air bag ever goes off, I'm gonna go through the windshield — of the car behind us.

One time a friend who had a Geo Metro took out the driver's seat and let me borrow the car for a week over three times because it looked like I would sit calmly in it. I would stop at red lights back window at the people in the car. Then I would bang on the window indicating that the car was driving away. I think that's why I got pulled over. Damn car phones.

Everyone asks me if I play basketball. I was at Great America just a few days ago and ten people must have asked me if I played basketball. Finally, I walked up to me and said, "Excuse me, I'm 6'9" and said, "I'm 6'9" for the Bulls!" This poor little thing that's great but what time is it?"

The Wedding Singer is a comedy about the era of Madonna, moonwalk, and Adam Sandler plays Robby. Sandler turned wedding singer at his own wedding. Predictably, friendship by Drew Barrymore. Sandler's comic persona is not a character, but the



## TALL TALES

### Being tall has its ups and downs

By CHRIS CLAPHAM  
Staff Reporter

My name is Chris and I'm 6'9" tall. No matter where you live, you've seen me before. Generally, I like being tall, but it does have its setbacks that not many people think about. For example I have to duck under almost every doorway at Clarke (or everywhere else for that matter). I need to slouch to look people in the eye, and I tend to look down on the world.

Buying clothes is not fun, either. It is like a nightmare that doesn't fit right. It used to be that I had to settle for what almost fit. Big and tall stores don't make it: they are mostly big and not tall. I found ONE place in Chicago that has everything in my size: Rochester Big and Tall. I love it there.

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One time a friend who had a Geo Metro took out the driver's seat and let me borrow the car for a weekend. I got pulled over three times because it looked like no one was driving, like I would sit calmly in a runaway roller skate. I would stop at red lights and look from the back window at the people in the car next to me. Then I would bang on the window and make a face indicating that the car was driving itself and drive away. I think that's why I got pulled over so much. Damn car phones.

Everyone asks me if I play basketball. One summer I was at Great America just north of Chicago, and ten people must have asked me how tall I was and if I played basketball. Finally, this poor girl walked up to me and said, "Excuse me, sir?" I spun around angrily and said, "I'm 6'9" tall and I play for the Bulls!" This poor little 5-foot girl said "That's great but what time is it?"



photo by Giselle Laurant

Chris as pictured last fall in his Pajama Week attire.

My legs don't fit under desks or tables. I must kick every date that sits across from me.

Speaking of dating, I get a bad back if I try to kiss a short girl. When I was in high school I was going out with a 4'11" Korean girl. We were a sight. One time we were walking through the parking lot together and someone shouted, "Chris! How do you kiss

*I can't go dancing because it is like putting the Sears Tower in a residential area.*

her?" Everyone turned to look. I picked her up by her overalls, lifted her off the ground and kissed her. Everyone but her thought it was hilarious.

Some other annoying things are that people tend to yell instead of just jump when we come around a corner and run into each other. At night people cross the street to avoid me. Beds are too short for me to lie flat on, chair backs don't go high enough, I get charged extra for back rubs, hide and seek is a real challenge.

Every time I go home my mom makes me change burnt out light bulbs and the batteries in the smoke detectors. I can't go dancing because it is like putting the Sears Tower in a residential area. Every cup looks like a shot glass in my hands, I have to be careful not to step on small animals or kids, my fingers are too big for keyboards so I make lots of typos, and if I want to stretch, I usually have to move furniture.

Some of the plusses are if I drop a pen or something, I don't have to get up, people always want me on their team, I can reach anything from anywhere, nobody picks on me, my mom can't slap me in the face (she's 5'4"), I don't get lost, I've been able to go on roller coasters since I was 3, and I can always see at the movies.

All in all, it's an experience not for the short of heart,

### Visiting poet brings unique perspective

By DEDETTE NOSBISCH  
Staff Reporter

Poet Bettie Sellers, who has published seven books, will bring her earthy, down home perspective to Clarke on Thursday, March 12.

Sellers, who is from Georgia, will present "Reflections of a Southern Woman" at 7:30 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall.

Sellers taught English at Young Harris College for 31 years before retiring in 1996.

Growing up close to her grandparents in a rural town helped

give her the unique perspective on life expressed in her poetry.

Sellers will be in the Writing Lab on the second floor of the library to meet with anyone interested from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, March 12.

"This is a great opportunity for those who are thinking about writing that novel or for closet poets to talk to an internationally known writer," says Writing Lab Co-Director Katie Fischer.

## NOVEMBER WIND

An early winter cold hums around Granny Knob, sets the Cabin hissing like a woman barely holding her peace. Her tongue flicks edges of a mouth dry, set white above the lip. Molly turns her back, drags the dishrag hard across a table clean already. Water roils in the pan, splashes beside tears on the scrubbed-pine floor. She will not speak; it is not permitted but when she takes her bed, her back will offer him silence echoing the clatter of polished pans in a too-clean room

--Bettie Sellers



## Movie in Review

*The Wedding Singer* is a comedy set in 1985, the era of Madonna, moonwalking and *Miami Vice*.

Adam Sandler plays Robby Hart, frustrated songwriter turned wedding singer. After being jilted at his own wedding, he is befriended by Julia, a waitress played by Drew Barrymore.

Predictably, friendship turns to romance, causing Julia to reevaluate her own engagement.

*The Wedding Singer* is not as funny as it is romantic. Sandler's comic personality is suffocated by this character, but there are a few

humorous moments. Barrymore is splendid in this role as the long-suffering, sweet Julia.

The soundtrack contains several forgotten 80's tunes such as Culture Club's "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?" and "You Spin Me Round" by Dead or Alive. Be sure to notice Alexis Arquette as the Boy George look-alike. He steals the show without one line of dialogue.

I recommend this movie to anyone old enough to remember the 80's. Although anyone can appreciate the love story, the film may not be as funny to the 90's generation. -- Julie Kemp



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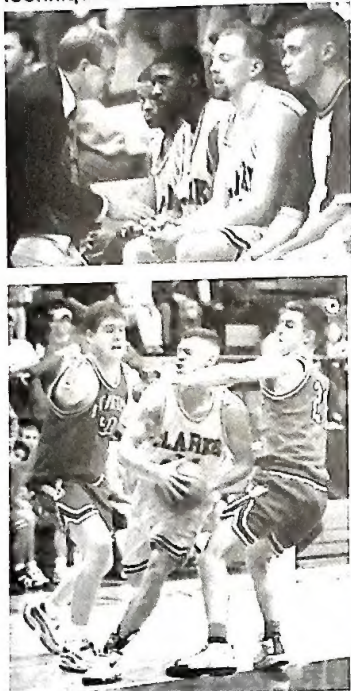
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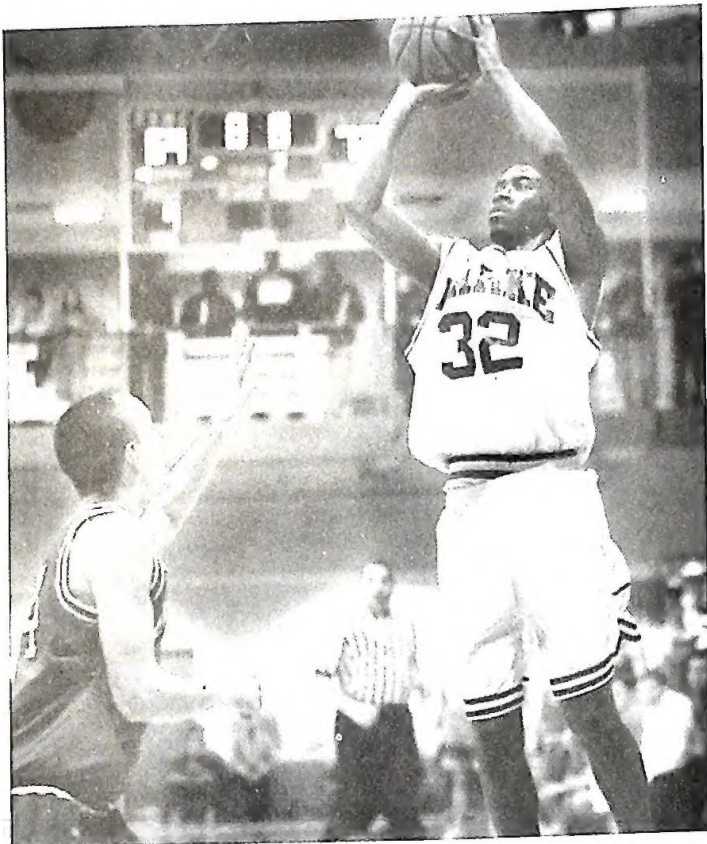
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Coach Davidson, Demetrius Robinson, Jaron Warner, Jason Carney, Dave Sebranek execute their superior strategizing techniques.



Clarke's Dave Sebranek fights his way through two Benedictine defenders.



Clarke's Jaron Warner rises above a Benedictine player with style and grace.

By MARTIN GENTRY  
Staff Reporter

## A Time to Remember

The Clarke Crusaders ended a productive season 11-14 led by senior captains David Sebranek, Brett Jondle, and sophomore Jaron Warner.

The Crusaders fell two games short of Clarke's first ever winning season for men's basketball. Although the season was a vast improvement over the 3-23 record of last season, the Crusaders have great potential to obtain Clarke's first ever men's winning season next year.

With the loss of Sebranek, Jondle, and a few other seniors, next season should be a challenging one for the Crusaders. However, with the return of Micahla Williams, freshman sensation Rob Arlandson, and juniors Todd Heiden, Derrick Crabill and Jason Carney, the Crusaders chances look pretty good.

A few other key players to watch for are Demetrius Robinson and Joshua Langellier.

*Congratulations on a successful year, Crusaders, and good luck preparing for next season!*

## Three Clarke Teams Train in Florida

The state of Florida provided the training grounds for three Clarke College intercollegiate teams hoping to get an early jump on the 1998 intercollegiate season.

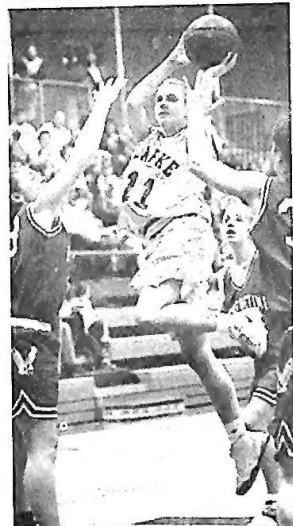
Coach Sam Knaack's baseball team held its spring training at a tournament in Homestead, while Coach Tina Kuhle's softball team held its spring drills in Port St. Lucie.

Coach Jon Davison's men's golf team traveled to Jacksonville for a work-like spring trip on March 1-7. The Crusaders did not compete in any tournaments while in the sunshine state, but did use the time to fine tune parts of their game.

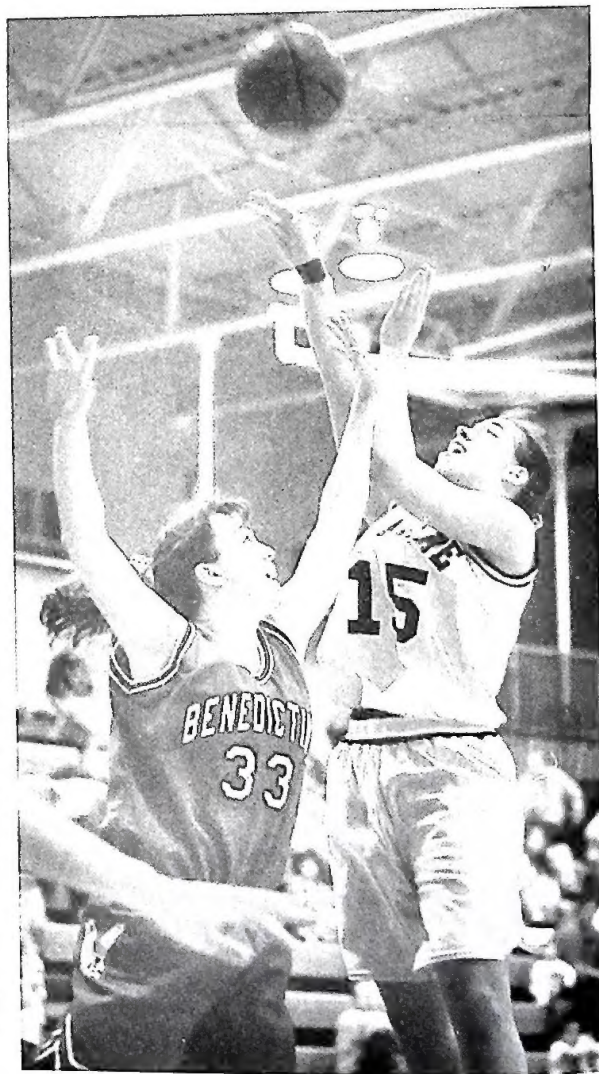
The Crusaders had a great fall season and will take a 14-stroke lead into this spring's Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference meet on May 1-2 at El Paso, Illinois. The Crusaders will open their eight-meet spring slate on April 3-4 at the William Penn Invitational.

## Highlights of Women's NIIC Championship

Clarke's Julie Bex takes a shot between the defense.



Clarke's Jill Christopher, Julie Bex, Allison Christianson, Laura Marshall, and Coach Tina Kuhle cheer on their fellow Crusaders.



Clarke's Deann Trapp fights to gain possession of a rebound.

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